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1. THE FRG PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE COMMUNITIES HAS INFORMED THE MISSION THAT THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS, IN THEIR MEETING IN BONN ON JUNE 10, AGREED ON THE TEXT OF A COMMUNICATION WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED IN OPEC CAPITALS AND TO THE OPEC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARIAT IN VIENNA REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN TAX

RATES IN COMPANIES' EQUITY OIL. THE COMMUNICATION WILL BE IN THE FORM OF AN AIDE-MEMOIRE AND WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE FRG AMBASSADORS ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY.

2. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF THE TEXT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NINE ARGUE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ABSORB AN INCREASE IN TAXATION WITHOUT A CORRESPONDING RISE IN OIL PRICES. THEY POINT OUT THAT THE RECENT PROFITS OF OIL COMPANIES ARE ESSENTIALLY "BOOKKEEPING" PROFITS BROUGHT ON BY REVALUING OIL INVENTORIES AND THAT IT WOULD BE INCORRECT TO JUSTIFY CHANGES IN TAXATION PROCEDURES ON THOSE ARTIFICIAL PROFITS. GREENWALD

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